



DATE: March 23, 2016

AGENDA ITEM # 6

TO: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission

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SUBJECT: Vision Zero

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and discuss reported bicycle and pedestrian injury accidents

BACKGROUND

At the special meeting on February 3, 2016, Colin Heyne, Deputy Director of Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, provided a presentation on Vision Zero.

The concept of Vision Zero is simple: reduce and eliminate “life-altering” accidents, specifically including (but not limited to) those that result in pedestrian/bicycle related fatalities. The Vision Zero Tool Kit provided by Colin Heyne provides a general two-step approach to starting a Vision Zero Program:

1. Adopt a Vision Zero policy
2. Develop a Vision Zero implementation plan.

The applicability of Vision Zero to Los Altos was discussed at the February 24, 2016 BPAC meeting. Vision Zero was also included in the 2016/17 BPAC work plan. It is anticipated that Vision Zero will be a reoccurring discussion for the remaining year.

DISCUSSION

The Los Altos Police Department provided bicycle and pedestrian injury accident data between 2013 and 2015 to staff. Fortunately, there have not been any fatal accidents during this time frame. The following is the injury data broken out by year:

2013: 22-Bicycle, 7 – Pedestrian

2014: 29-Bicycle, 8- Pedestrian

2015: 25-Bicycle, 8 - Pedestrian

The number of bicycle and pedestrian accidents has been relatively steady the past three years. For additional context, staff is plotting (at the time of this report) the accidents on Google Earth in an attempt to identify trends. This map will be available and reviewed by

staff at the commission meeting. The map can be considered an initial step toward identifying components for implanting Vision Zero in Los Altos.